



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 22, 2013
Schedule 8

PLEASE NOTE: January 22 – Bill request deadline.
February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 7.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 21, 2013

HB 223 Delegate Parrott, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

Increasing from 65 to 70 miles per hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State; and increasing to 70 miles per hour the maximum speed limit on the Intercounty Connector.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, § 21-801.1(e) - amended and § 21-801.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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HB 224 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**ELECTION LAW – IMPROVING ACCESS TO VOTING**

Providing an exception to the voter registration deadline to allow an individual to register to vote or update an existing voter registration address and vote during early voting; requiring proof of residency to register or update an existing voter registration address during early voting; providing the types of acceptable proof; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations and establish procedures for the administration of voter registration during early voting; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EL, §§ 3-302, 9-305, 9-306, 9-308, 9-310, and 10-301.1 - amended and § 3-305 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 225 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**VETERANS FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 2013**

Requiring specified licensing units and boards to give credit to former service members for relevant military training, education, and experience in connection with the issuance of occupational and professional licenses, certificates, and registrations; repealing and recodifying provisions of law regarding the renewal of occupational or professional licenses and the completion of continuing education or continuing competency requirements for specified members of an armed force deployed outside the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

BR, ED, FI, and HO, Various Sections - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 226 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY ACT OF 2013**

Altering the Maryland renewable energy portfolio standard program to include a specified amount of energy derived from offshore wind energy; prohibiting the portion of the renewable energy portfolio that represents offshore wind energy from applying to retail electricity sales by a supplier in excess of specified amounts of specified loads; defining “offshore wind renewable energy credit” for specified purposes; establishing an application process for specified proposed offshore wind energy projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

PU, NR, SG, and SF, Various sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 227 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT RIGHT NOW (EARN) PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Program (Maryland EARN Program) in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, to establish and administer the Program to provide specified grants on a competitive basis for specified purposes; requiring applications for specified grants under the Program to include specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

LE, §§ 11-701 through 11-710 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 228 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND HEALTH PROGRESS ACT OF 2013**

Altering eligibility requirements for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the definition of "independent foster care adolescent" to conform to federal eligibility requirements; adding to the purposes for which a specified assessment in hospital rates may be used; exempting the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and its employees from specified provisions of law governing third party administrators; adding to the purposes for which money in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund may be used; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and IN, §§ 15-140, 31-101(c-1), 31-107.1, 31-107.2, 31-113.1, and 31-115(k) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 229 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**STATE AID FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION OF NET TAXABLE INCOME**

Altering the definition of "net taxable income" for purposes of calculating specified State aid formulas for education; requiring the Comptroller to certify annually the amount of net taxable income in a specified manner; requiring State aid for education to be paid in a specified manner under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

ED, § 5-202(a)(9) - amended and § 5-202(k) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 21, 2013

HB 69 **Dorchester County Delegation**

DORCHESTER COUNTY – RESTRICTION ON SUNDAY GAMING –
REPEAL

Repealing a restriction that prohibits specified gaming licensees in Dorchester County from holding gaming events or carnivals on a Sunday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 13-1204 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means